

Evening Telegraph

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1870.

THE PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BOOKS.

At the meeting of the Board of Public Education yesterday some interesting developments were made with regard to the purchase of school books, and it was conclusively shown by the majority report of the committee appointed to investigate the case that Messrs. Eldridge Brothers had charged the city two dollars and forty cents more per dozen for a certain text-book than the regular trade rate, and that they had been equally exorbitant in their other charges for articles furnished the board. The committee took the testimony of a number of publishers, who all concurred in representing the trade price for the "Lawrence Speaker" to be \$12 per dozen, while Eldridge & Brother charged the Board of Education \$14.40. The excuse made by the publishers of the "Lawrence Speaker" was certainly a curious one. They stated that it was their intention to issue a new and enlarged "Speaker" that would be worth \$14.40 per dozen, which would be furnished to the schools in exchange for such copies of the cheaper book as had not been used. The evidence demonstrated that great exertions had been made to get the "Lawrence Speaker" introduced into the schools as rapidly as possible, and the prospects that any copies would be in exchangeable condition by the time the new edition was ready were certainly very slim. It was also shown that Messrs. Eldridge & Brother had been operating outside of the Board of Education and that Mr. Randall, the Principal of the Hancock Grammar School, had exchanged copy-books and geographies for the new speaker, taking six dozen of the latter for the use of twenty-two pupils. As the retail price of the geographies in question was \$22.50 per dozen, and that of the speaker \$18, the exchange was quite a profitable speculation for the publishers. By what authority Mr. Randall engaged in this transaction does not appear, and the majority of the committee say that if the teachers are permitted to unlawfully traffic in copy-books and geographies they could do the same with the school furniture and other property. The moral of this whole controversy is that the Board of Education ought to exercise greater vigilance in making their contracts. The board contains a number of able and honorable gentlemen who are entitled to the confidence of the community, and the investigation of this case proves that they are anxious to do their duty and to protect the interests of the city. If a little more care, however, had been exercised in the first place, there would have been no controversy, and Messrs. Eldridge & Brother would either have sold the "Lawrence Speaker" at a reasonable price, or the schools would have remained unsupplied with that particular aid to knowledge.

CUMULATIVE VOTING.

We publish on the seventh page of today's TELEGRAPH a description of the results of an interesting experiment in cumulative voting. All the rate-payers of Manchester, women as well as men, being authorized to vote for members of the School Board, it appears that only 26,000 voters exercised this privilege, while 36,000 did not go to the polls, but as it is doubtful whether a fuller vote would be secured in any American district at an election where members of school boards, only, were to be elected, the absence of so large a proportion of the newly enfranchised citizens and citizenesses of Manchester is readily accounted for. What is more surprising to Englishmen is that the privilege of cumulative voting, or of casting fifteen votes for one candidate, instead of one vote for each of fifteen candidates, has resulted in the election of a majority of members of the board who strongly favor a combination of religious with secular education. The strength of all the Catholic voters being concentrated on two candidates, they lead the poll, while each of the Episcopalian candidates receives a much larger number of votes than any of the secular candidates. It is evident that a powerful Church influence was strongly exerted by the prominent denominations, while the party favoring secular education was badly organized, split up into factions, or comparatively indifferent. Under a plain system of voting, with no combination of parties, the Episcopalian, who were numerically stronger than any other single other organization which participated in the election, would have elected their whole ticket; while the secular party, if it had concentrated its strength, and "agitated" in American fashion, with stump-speech oratory, brass bands, and processions, might probably have elected all the members of the board instead of only securing a single representative. The most important practical lesson of this experiment seems to be that discipline, organization, and concentration are even more important, in some respects, under a cumulative system of voting than under the system now prevailing in the United States.

GENERAL ALFRED PLEASANTON has been nominated by the President to the position of Commissioner of Internal Revenue, despite the opposition of General Logan and his Grand Army of the Republic, and the still more potential protest of Senator Cameron. The certainty of his nomination was foreshadowed in our special Washington despatches more than a month ago, and all the talk about Mr. Douglass' prospects for the place has been mere buncombe. General Pleasanton has been connected with the internal revenue service for several years, and as Collector of the wealthiest district in the United States has apparently given general satisfaction. He will therefore take charge of his important office with an experience that should qualify him fully for its duties. What is to be done by the President to ap-

pease Pennsylvania remains to be seen. Perhaps the proprietor of "my two papers, both daily," and one of them for sale, will be called into the Cabinet as Postmaster-General. But if Colonel Forney is to succeed Mr. Creswell, what is to become of the latter, now that the English mission is supposed to have been disposed of by General Schenck's appointment?

THE MCCREERY resolution, contemplating a removal of the graves of Union soldiers from Arlington Heights, so that the Lee family might once more be enthroned in sight of the Capitol, was vigorously assailed in the Senate yesterday, and the request to bring it in was rejected by a vote bordering on unanimity. We hope that a similar fate may forever attend all similar propositions. There are limits even to the magnanimity of the republic which Lee basely and strenuously endeavored to destroy; and his family should be too thankful for his escape from a felon's doom to ever dream of recovering an inch of the ground forfeited by his treason, and now hallowed by the graves of Union soldiers. The most that they should ever dare to hope for is the undeserved privilege of being buried on the same estate as the true heroes who were faithful to the country when they were false.

THE PHILADELPHIA CENSUS is a subject that will not be dropped. General Walker, Superintendent of the Census Bureau, comes forward with the announcement that our population is precisely 671,000, or 2726 less than reported by Marshal Gregory. This cuts down the increase since 1869 to 105,471, or 18.95 per cent. It will be some satisfaction if the figures are permitted to remain stationary at this point.

NOTICES.

MEN'S WINTER BUSINESS COATS, ALL WOOL, FOR SIX DOLLARS. BERRY & CO., TOWER HALL, No. 518 MARKET STREET, HALF-WAY BETWEEN FIFTH AND SIXTH STREETS. ARE CLOSING OUT A LOT OF COATS AT ABOVE-NAMED PRICE. Other goods in proportion.

MESSRS. MARLEY & STUART will this evening open one of the finest billiard saloons in this city, and all lovers or admirers of the game will do well to be present and inspect for themselves. It is situated at the N. W. corner of Eighth and Vine streets, and will be known as the Keystone Billiard Saloon. In the main hall a large number of the finest tables, with every modern improvement and every known convenience, have been fitted up ready for the use of all who may care to use them. In addition to this, a private parlor has been furnished in the finest style for those who may care to be secluded when enjoying themselves at the popular amusement. In it are three of the finest tables, the floor is laid with the best Brussels carpet, the chairs and sofas are re-upholstered in the most gorgeous manner, and the paper-hangings, curtains, etc., are in keeping with the rest. Here those who wish can engage a time, can shut the doors to keep out all intruders, and can play either a private friendly game or can have a trial of skill between two well-matched opponents. Billiard clubs can make arrangements to use this room, can be as private as if in their own establishment, and so bear none of the heavy expenses of maintaining their own outfit. Patrons of billiard halls will find themselves well treated and perfectly satisfied with all the arrangements if they will look in at the new establishment this evening.

OUR CONCLUSION.—As far as we are able to judge (and we have given the subject no little consideration and attention), the conclusion to which the scientific world, the press and the public have arrived with regard to Rand's SEA MOSS PASTES, are founded on incontrovertible facts; and we have no hesitation in warmly recommending the article to our readers as an essential of the economic cuisine, and as a genuine luxury. To dyspeptics, invalids, and all those requiring a light and delicate food, we feel assured it will prove an invaluable blessing. In fact, we can hardly say too much in favor of this most delicious and palatable food. It will be found for sale by all of our druggists and grocers; and if you care to have a delicious dessert, do not go home without a package.

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